#### Ready Schools Toolkit: An Overview

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#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Who are we?



Who is with us today?



#### **Webinar Goals**

- Overview of Content
- Alignment of Ready School Pathways and SBE Goals
- Integrating Ready Schools Pathways into the School Improvement Plan
- Ideas for Toolkit Review & Survey

#### **Overview of Ready Schools Toolkit**

- Components
  - Introduction
  - Getting Started
  - Ready Schools Pathways
  - References





#### Introduction

Why Ready Schools?

What is a Ready School?



"Ready schools put children first, focus on learning and believe..."

All children start school with the ability to learn.

All children are ready for kindergarten.

 All children can embrace their uniqueness and respect their differences.

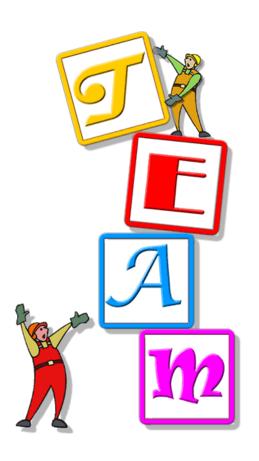
Student diversity is challenging, but rewarding.

 Screening procedures provide data that inform instructional practices, need for additional assessment and support services.

- Communication with families starts early in the preschool years and continues.
- The school environment is prepared to support the learning and development of all children.

#### **Getting Started**

- Build your teams
  - Community/District
  - School-Based
  - Key Elements
    - Strong partnerships
    - Strong leadership
    - Careful planning
    - On-going commitment
    - Broad-based and multi-layered



#### Implementation Process

- Collaborative Team Development
- Needs Assessment
- Action Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation



#### Ready Schools Pathways

- Leaders and Leadership
- Family, School and Community Partnerships
- Transitions
- Respecting Diversity
- Engaging Environments
- Effective Curricula, Instruction & Child Assessment
- Teacher Supports and Adult Learning Communities
- Assessing Progress and Assuring Quality





#### Ready Schools Pathways

- Components
  - Expanded Definition of Pathway
  - Key Understandings
  - Assessing the Pathway: A Closer Look

Taking Action



#### Pathway One: Leaders and Leadership

- Administrators
  - Self-assess
  - Engage their teams in examining school policies and practices
  - Become skillful in using evidence and data

#### Pathway Two: Family, School & Community Partnerships

- These are the foundation!
- They work together to
  - Address student needs
  - Determine practices and policies for family/community participation in school life
  - Foster children's readiness
  - Provide opportunities and services

#### Pathway Three: Transitions

 "a life change" or "moving from one environment or experience to another"

 A Ready School works to provide smooth transitions among the settings and services for young children and their families

# Pathway Four: Respecting Diversity

- Ready Schools are responsible for creating a welcoming environment that...
  - Respects diversity
  - Supports children's ties to families and communities
  - Promotes both second language acquisition and preservation of home language and cultural identities



#### Pathway Five: Engaging Environments

- Engaging environments go beyond what the school building looks like and includes
  - Classroom learning environment
  - School climate
  - Interactions
  - Safe, inviting and developmentally appropriate practices that support the whole child



#### **Pathway Six:**

## Effective Curricula, Instruction & Child Assessment

- Ready Schools priorities include:
  - Projecting an open, child-focused atmosphere
  - Employing educational methods shown to be effective
  - Accommodating and including children with disabilities
  - Aligning standards, curriculum & assessment
  - Using research and data to drive planning & instruction

#### Pathway Seven:

### Teacher Supports & Adult Learning Communities

- Ready schools are designed to support the ongoing learning & development of teachers, staff & administrators...
  - Ensure space, time, tools & resources
  - Promote & foster professional learning communities & high quality PD
    - Educators work together to analyze and improve classroom practices & insure seamless experiences for children
    - Partner with family & community



# Pathway Eight: Assessing Progress & Assuring Quality

- Ongoing assessment & monitoring of quality
  - Use data to plan and tailor instruction to student needs, to improve instruction and outcomes for all children
  - Both formal and informal assessments
  - Data-driven written improvement plan



#### Alignment between RS and SBE Goals

#### **Ready School Pathways**

SBE Goals	Leaders and Leadership	Family, School, & Community Partnerships	Transitions	Respecting Diversity	Engaging Environments	Effective Curricula	Teacher Supports	Assessing Progress
Globally Competitive Students								
Healthy & Responsible Students								
Leadership Guides Innovation								
Led by 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Professionals								
Governed & Supported by 21st Century Systems								

#### **Toolkit Review Suggestions**

- A Ready Schools team effort with each member responsible for reviewing one section and providing feedback.
- Each Ready Schools team member reviews the toolkit and shares feedback at a team meeting. All input is compiled and summarized.

Other ideas?



#### **Survey Information**

- Online survey
- Will be sent out May 19
- Complete one survey for each school
- Submit by June 2
- Should take less than 30 minutes
- \$500 after submission

#### **Survey Information**

#### Types of Questions:

- Dissemination
- Organization
- Plans for Use
- Potential Usefulness
- Barriers
- Demographics

#### **Questions**



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